



# NOWRUZ ABERDEEN 2026

## ART COMPETITION

As part of this year's Nowruz celebrations, the Nowruz Aberdeen 2026 Committee in collaboration with Equity Lighthouse are delighted to invite your pupils to take part in a city-wide **art competition** exploring the theme of spring. **Nowruz, the festival marking the arrival of spring, is celebrated across many cultures**, and this competition offers young learners a chance to express what spring means to them through creativity and imagination.

**Pupils are invited to create an artwork using the bunting template provided, illustrating their own interpretation of spring.** This might include nature, new beginnings, cultural traditions, family celebrations, or anything that captures the spirit of the season. Pupils are also invited to add a few words on what spring means to them in the blank box on the bunting template. Please remember to include the pupil's full name, age, class and school on the back of the bunting.

Completed bunting designs should be returned through your school by the **deadline of 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2026 at 12pm (noon)** to:

Equity Lighthouse  
37 Waterloo Quay  
Aberdeen AB11 5BS

The best entries from across Aberdeen will be selected to decorate the Town House for the civic Nowruz celebration on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2026 hosted by the Lord Provost. **The pupils' artwork will be proudly displayed as part of the festivities. In addition, prize-winning pupils, their parents and the school headteacher will be invited to attend and their achievements will be recognised as part of the wider Nowruz festivities.**

Further details on submission arrangements and timelines are attached. Thank you for supporting this opportunity to celebrate creativity, cultural diversity, and the joy of spring with your pupils.

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### WHAT DOES SPRING MEAN TO YOU?

#### WHO CAN ENTER?

- P1–P3
- P4–P7

#### WHAT TO CREATE

Create a drawing or piece of artwork on the bunting template that shows your own ideas about spring — nature, colours, celebrations, traditions, and new life. In the box, write a few sentences explaining what spring means to you. **Remember to add your full name, age and school on the back.**

#### CULTURAL FOCUS

Show how spring is celebrated in your family or culture. Use symbols, patterns, or stories that matter to you.

#### HOW TO ENTER

Complete the bunting template and hand it to your teacher  
One entry per pupil

#### JUDGING CRITERIA

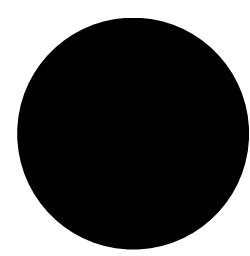
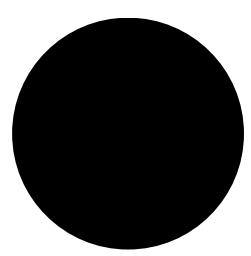
Creativity & originality  
Connection to spring  
Cultural insight or reflection

#### PRIZES (for BOTH categories)

1st Prize: £50 Aberdeen Business Card  
2nd Prize: £30 Aberdeen Business Card  
3rd Prize: £20 Aberdeen Business Card

**DEADLINE: 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2026 12pm (noon)**

Prize-winners will be invited to a civic celebration at the Town House, hosted by the Lord Provost on 20th March 2026.



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What does spring mean to you ...

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